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TWO CENTS.

## FOUR CHILDREN

Parents Left Six Little Ones Alone to Attend Dance

MILE AWAY FROM THE HOME

Two Oldest Managed to Escape From the House.

FIRE STARTED FROM A STOVE

Another Fatal Midnight Conflagration in Michigan-Cotton Warehouse

in Bremen Half Destroyed.

WEST BRANCH, Mich., May 4.-Four small children were burned to death last night in the home of Martin Campbell, eight miles from here on a branch of the Michigan Central railway. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had gone to a dance a mile away from their home, leaving their six little

ones locked in the house. They left a big

fire in the stove, and in some manner this

ignited the house, which was destroyed

with its contents. The children were awakened by the flames and the two oldest, aged eight and ten years, managed to escape in their night clothes. The four smaller ones perished in the flames. The parents are prostrated over the tragedy.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 4.-In a midnight fire that destroyed the home of Mrs. Frank Telford, at Hopkins station, a few miles south of here, Thomas Corning, aged twenty-seven years, was burned to death, and Mrs. Telford and her daughter Sadie, aged thirteen, suffered fatal burns. The family was asleep when the fire was discovered.

BREMEN, May 4.—A violent storm prevails here, and fire has broken out in the free zone warehouse, containing 10,000 bales of cotton, half of which has already been burned. The high wind is spreading the flames.

The custom house and fire department within the free zone are on fire, the build ing occupied by the firm of Anton Guen-ther has been destroyed, and the ware-house of Claussen & Wleting is burning.

#### MANY SHRINERS HURT.

Serious Railroad Accident Near the Raton Tunnel.

RATON, N. M., May 4.-Westbound Wednesday night twenty miles south of Raton by the breaking of an axle under the engine tender.

Twelve passengers were injured, ten, seriously, but not fatally.

The train carried many Shriners en route to Los Angeles. Two hundred and eight passengers on the train were thrown into a panic by the wreck. Alexander Jeweller of Los Angeles was hurt, one hand being crushed. Two of the passengers were taken to the hospital at Las Vegas. Traffic was delayed fifteen hours and the loss to rolling stock amounted to \$7,500. Some of the passengers in their excitement jumped through windows and were cut by glass.

#### DENNETT OUT ON BAIL. Loan Clerk Douglas is Still Locked Up.

NEW YORK, May 4 .- Oliver M. Dennett, the broker who was arrested in connection with the Trust Company of America bond robbery, and who has been in the Tombs for more than a week, was released on ball today. Ball was placed at \$10,000 when Dennett was arraigned several days ago, and this amount in cash was furnished today as surety. W. O. Douglas, the assistant loan clerk of the Trust Company of America, who is charged with having taken the bonds from the bank, is still a prisoner. His bail also was fixed at \$10,000.

#### NOTABLE CHINESE COMING. Army and Navy Officers Shown Over Fort Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 4.-The four Chinese army and navy officers who are guests of the nation en route to the Jamestown exposition were shown about the garrison at Fort Leavenworth today by Gen. Charles B. Hall, commandant of the service schools, who had been asked by the War Department to extend to them all the courtesies due to distinguished visitors. They visited the infantry and cavalry school and staff college. Following a reception this afternoon the Chinese officers will leave at 5:40 o'clock for Rock Island. Ill., where they will inspect the arsenal.

#### TO GO TO THE COURTS.

Chicago Rights Over the Calumet River to Be Ascertained.

The Chicago delegation, headed by Gov. Dineen, which came here to invite the government to institute proceedings enjoining the sanitary district of Chicago from continuing the project of reversing the flow of the waters of the Calumet river, which is a part of the drainage canal scheme, was successful in its undertaking. Secretary Taft, representing the government in the matter of protecting the waters of the great lakes. today promised to bring the desired lawsuit. The purpose of the conference here today

was to bring about a settlement of the legal status of the project. Notice had been given by the War Department that objections would be raised against reversing the waters of the Calumet river, which is a navigable stream, and the sanitary district of Chicago then asked for a permit to profused, and the district prepared to continue without the permit. In order to determine the rights of the city before spending too much money, it was agreed that the matter should be taken into the courts. Secretary Taft today assented to that course, and the necessary petition will be prepared at once and filed in the United States circuit court

at Chicago About \$15,000,000 will be expended on the project should Chicago win in the legal pro-ceedings. Already \$500,000 of tha amount has been used. The delegation was composed of Gov. Dineen. R. R. McCormick, president; E. C. Lindley, attorney; Isham Randolph, chief engineer of the sanitary district, and Representative Foss of Illino During the conference Secretary Taft had with him Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers of the War Department.

BRYAN ON THE LAWYERS.

Views of Legal Profession Not Al-

not a bright one.

of Law, which has since become the Northwestern University Law School, Mr. Bryan attended the annual dinner of the graduates of the institution. The title of his address was "The Price of a Soul."

"I believe," he said in conclusion, "that the day will come in this country when we will not have so many men who will sell their souls to make grand larceny possible. "Perhaps some time it will not be less disgraceful for a lawyer to assist in a gigantic robbery than a highwayman to go out and hold up the wayfarer. I knew of a case recently in which they had to go to New York to get lawyers to represent the people because all the lawyers available hearer at hand had been bought up."

## HUGHES' LAWYER A SUICIDE.

Last Night. NEW YORK, May 4.-Ernest W. Huffcutt, legal adviser to Gov. Hughes, committed suicide on the steamship C. W. Morse, which left Albany last night for New York. The body was found on the vessel's upper deck. On the floor beside it lay a revolver, and near it a partially burned cigarette. No one has been found who heard the shot which ended the man's life. At first the body was not identified, but its description and the finding of the interest w. H." in the man's hat furr sace caues to the suicide's identity.

#### JAY GOULD BEATS MILES.

Uphill Match.

LONDON, May 4.-Jay Gould of New York today won the championship match of the international amateur court tennis tournament at the Queen's Club, defeating Eustace H. Miles, holder of the title,

Score: 6-4, 3-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. In the last set, when the score was 5-3,

#### OUTLOOK AT SAN FRANCISCO NOT PARTICULARLY BRIGHT.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.- The outlook in the labor situation here is not particularly bright, and no-chance for an imme diate settlement of any of the question now involved is at present apparent. The telephone strike has crippled the service, and last night the whole system had practita Fe passenger train No. 1 was wrecked | cally come to a standstill. The operators are now securing support from all directions, and it is feared that the linemen will go out on a sympathetic strike, which will still further complicate the situation. In the case of the emergency hospitals it has been found necessary to dispatch mounted police to act as messengers, and general business has been seriously affected. In the stock markets a decline followed the suspension of the service. So far no

#### Arbitration Abandoned.

on the question of the threatened strike. The men are standing by their demand for the and an eight-hour day, while the company is still firm in its position that the rate established by the board of arbitration is the limit beyond which it will not go. The outlook is generally considered unfavorable for any pacific settlement of the lifficulties, and the worst is feared.

#### THE PHILADELPHIA DISPUTE. Situation Involving the Bricklayers and Masons Unchanged.

situation in this city, involving the lockout of the union bricklayers, their laborers and the stonemasons, aggregating about 2,500 who are affiliated with the bricklayers should be employed to set dressed stone. This claim has long been disputed by the granite cutters, who are supported by the

#### HIS PARDON RECOMMENDED.

## uary's Case.

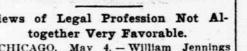
The Department of Justice has received reports from present District Attorney Embrey at Oklahoma in the case of William January, alias Anderson, recently rearrested in Kansas City, and also from the trial judge and the then district attorney who tried January nine years ago. They each recommend his pardon. The Attorney General, however, is at his home in Baltimore and is not expected to return to Washington until next Tuesday. The papers may be forwarded to him there and if so it is likely that a report will be made to the President as early as Monday, when Janu-

ceed with the work. The permit was re- Eloping Pastor and Woman Not Found PEEKSKILL, N. Y., May 4 .- The man and woman who have been under surveillance in a hotel here on suspicion that they were Jere K. Cooke, the former Hempstead, L. I., minister, and Miss Floretta Whaley have been identified as a Poughkeepsle business man and his

ary's pardon will immediately follow.

#### Gen. Hudson Hopelessly Ill.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 4.-Gen. Joseph K. Hudson, who is ill at his home here, was reported to be slightly weaker this mornng. The physician stated that all hope of



CHICAGO, May 4. - William Jennings Bryan, told 300 Chicago lawyers last night what he thinks of the legal profession in America. The picture, on the whole, was

As a graduate of the old Union College

## Shot Himself on a Hudson River Boat

Defeats the English Champion in an

the American suffered from a cramp in his arm and the game was stopped for a

#### THE LABOR SITUATION

disturbance to amount to anything has ac-

### companied the strike.

The iron workers are still firm in their demands, and the proposition for a settlement by arbitration has now been abandoned owing to the negative position taken by the trades council.

The carmen will meet tomorrow to vote

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 4.-The labor workmen, is unchanged today. The dispute arose out of the contention of the masons, union, that they and not the granite cutters

builders. The Allied Building Trades Council, the governing body of all building trade unions in this city, has appointed an emergency committee to sound the various unions on the question of a sympathetic strike in support of the stand taken by the bricklayers and masons. The committee will report at a meeting of the council to be held Monday night. If the committee reports that the members of the various unions favor giving moral support to the bricklay ers a general sympathetic strike is said to be inevitable. A general strike will involve 30,000 workmen.

## Reports to Attorney General on Jan-

#### Annapolis Race Postponed.

recovery has been given up. The end may come at any time. Gen. Hudson had been unconscious since late yesterday.

THE FIRST LAP OF THE TRIAL HEAT.

THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN CHARLES J. GIERS VICTIM OF DE- THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT SYLPH STATE CONVENTIONS.

dorsed.

There is high political authority for the statement that President Roosevelt is convinced that he cannot accept another nomination in the circumstances, but he will not discourage the public adulation of himself and his policies, hoping at the proper time to divert that sentiment to a candidate who can be depended upon to continue the policies of the administra-

To that end, it is said, the President will urge his friends to see that state conventions indorse his administration and to declare that the nominee of the republican national convention shall be a man who is in accord with the purposes of the administration. The "Roosevelt strength," thus proposed to be built up, is to be delivered as circumstances may warrant to the suitable candidate at the appropriate

It is reported that the President hopes that the republican state convention in Pennsylvania for the nomination of a state treasurer, which will be the first of this year's conventions, will adopt a resolution of the character indicated. It is declared in high political quarters that friends of the administration have negotiating with Pennsylvania republicans of prominence with a view to give the ad-ministration a clear field in the state convention.

Mr. "Bull" Andrews of Pennsylvania and New Mexico, who heretofore has been a pillar of strength in the Penrose faction, is said to be feeling very kindly toward th administration, as the result of the Presi-dent's recent dismissal of Gov. Hagerman of New Mexico, and that friends of the administration may find him on their side at

There is strong sentiment among Pennsylvania republicans, however, adverse to a declaration upon national policies by this convention assembled for purely state ness. Furthermore, there is a "favorite son" movement in Pennsylvania of which Senator Knox is the proposed beneficiary, and thus a complication arises over th suggestion to commit the party upon presi-dential politics. But if Mr. "Bull" An-drews has indeed been won to the administration side he will be a valua' le asset in any plans the administration men in the

convention may have in view.

The administration men will proceed, it is said, in other states to follow the same freshets, figuratively speaking, against a day of need when the flood gates may be raised and a tide released to bear forth such colitical cargoes as the administration may

#### REVOLT AGAINST CABRERA.

Mexico Learns of a Movement to Oust President.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 4.-From news which reached this city recently it is believed that serious trouble will soon break out in Guatemala. The Mexican govern ment learns from a prominent person, who has just returned from that country, that in his opinion, unless all signs fail, Estrada Cabrera will be unseated as president of the republic or will have to fight to retain his office. Even before the Barrillas Limas incident, this gentleman says, the spirit of revolution was rife. The assassination of Barrillas has goaded on the rebels so that they are ready to fight at the first opportunity.

It has been learned from a reliable source

that the Mexican government is preparing for an emergency. Rumor has it that 30,000 men are being fully equipped for a two-month campaign, and that troops are being rapidly moved in small numbers to the Guatemalan frontier.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 4.- The boat race between the Yale University eight and the first crew of the Naval Academy, scheduled to be rowed at 2 p.m. today, has been post-

## WANTS POLICIES SUPPORTED INSTANTLY KILLED BY FALL MRS. ROOSEVELT IN PERIL

PLORABLE ACCIDENT.

Native of Alabama.

Charles J. Glers of Alabama, a \$1,230 clerk in the adjutant general's office, met with a violent death at the War Department about 11:30 o'clock today. He fell from the fourth floor to the basement, down the stair well at the northeast corner of the building, a distance of about sixty feet, the left side of his forehead striking the marble tiling on the basement floor, crushing his skull. He died almost instantly.

Although several clerks and messengers were nearby at the time of the fall no one was able to explain exactly how it occurred, and the theory which obtained among the officials, and which was subsequently confirmed officially by the District coroner, was that Mr. Giers was seized with a spell of dizziness and lost his balance. He was a victim of locomotor atax's and used a crutch in walking. The sound of his crutch falling on the marble floor was the first intimation to those nearby that Mr Giers had fallen over the halustrade. A clerk on a lower floor said he saw the flight of the body down the stair well.

It was rumored at first that Mr. Glers had deliberately committed suicide by jumping over the balustrade, but there was absolutely no reason to justify the rumor, and it was disproved by the subsequent action of the coroner in giving a certificate of accidental death and permitting the removal of the remains.

The news of the accident spread like wildfire through the big building, and in a ew minutes a large crowd of emp gathered at the scene. Among the first at hand was Capt. Poole, superintendent of the building, who summoned physicians and ordered the removal of the body to and ordered the removal of the body to the emergency room on the basement floor, with the view to immediate treatment, if life was not entirely extinct. Two surgeons examined the body and pro-nounced the man dead, whereupon the coroner was notified with the result al-

Long a Resident of Washington. Mr. Glers was a native of Alabama, but had been a resident of this city since January, 1884, when he secured an appointment as messenger in the surgeon general's office. He was promoted to a \$1,000 clerkship in that office, under civil service rules, general practice of trying to conserve the ship in that office, under civil service rules, Roosevelt sentiment, in this period of public in January, 1890, and in the following July w : transferred to a \$1,: 9 clerkship in the record and pension office, now the adjutant general's office, and served there to date. It lived at 1723 G street, near the office. His wife survives him. Funeral arrange-

#### JOINT TARIFF COMMISSION.

ments are being made this afternoon

France Will Welcome Action by the United States for Its Creation.

PARIS, May 4.- The Associated Press is able to announce authoritatively that France will welcome any action by the United States looking to the creation of a joint tariff commission, similar to the one which sat at Berlin, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory basis of settlement of questions in dispute. The present French government strongly favors a regime of reciprocal concessions, but at the same time it appreciates the strength of the demand of the French protectionists in favor of higher duties and the sentiment in favor of reprisals on the part of some French exporters because of what they term vexatious administrative regulations at New York. In order to avoid drifting into a tariff war, therefore, the government considers the tim, opportune for representatives of

Presentation to Mr. Yerkes. John W. Yerkes, former commissioner of nternal revenue, today was presented by the employes of the cureau with a hand-some gold watch and a diamond pin, Chief Clerk Giovannoli making the presentation

the two countries to meet and consider the

Will Urge His Friends to See That His | Clerk in Navy Department and Resi- | Ran Into the Naval Tug Tecumseh at

IN COLLISION.

day Afternoon.

Mrs. Roosevelt and a party of friends, in cluding Mrs. Bacon, the wife of Assistant Secretary Bacon of the State Department were in a serious accident vesterday after noon, and the facts did not leak out until today, when the presence at the White House of Capt. Roscoe C. Bulmer, commanding the Sylph, gave a tip that produced the material facts. Capt. Bulmer is understood to have gone to the White House to make an explanation of the accident, which may involve a court-martial, as omebody was to blame.

The facts are that Mrs. Roosevelt gave a luncheon party on board the Sylph to some friends in honor of Mrs. Clifford Richardson of New York, her guest, the party boarding the vessel at 12 o'clock in the day. The vessel went down the river and returned to the navy yard in the afterno Through some misunderstanding of orders the vessel went past its dock and crashed into the naval tug Tecumseh. The crash made kindling wood out of the somewhat noted racing launch of the Sylph, which was being towed alongside the vessel, and caused the mast pole of the tug to come

to the deck with a crash. It narrowly missed striking Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the ladies of the party.

For awhile there was consternation aboard the Sylph, the officers hastening to ascertain the facts and take care of the ladies who at the time did not know how. ladies, who at the time did not know how serious the accident might have been. The Sylph, however, was not struck in any vital part and was backed to its dock, where the party disembarked without further trouble.

Order Misunderstood. From a good authority it is stated that the engineer of the vessel misunderstood an order to reverse his vessel as one to go forward, and it was through this misunderstanding that he sent the vessel ahead and crashed into the tug boat.

At the navy yard, where the accident occurred, it was stated this afternoon that it was not a serious one, as the Sylp was moving slowly. The Sylph had slowed down as she was making for her landing place. After she struck the Tecumsch the Sylph "side wiped" her.

Will Be Investigated. It was also said the naval authorities of the yard are making an investigation of the matter and will report it to the Navy Department.

An official declared that the shock of cellision was so slight that Mrs. Roosevelt and her friends scarcely felt it.

#### VICTOR E. NELSON HERE. Charge of Financial Irregularities Without Foundation.

Mr. Victor E. Nelson, who was United

States consul at Bergen, Norway, and resigned in 1903, is in this city. Mr. Nelson, it appears, was erroneously charged with some financial irregularities in connection with the distribution of the fund for the benefit of the relatives of the men who lost their lives in the Maine disaster. The charges were published at the time in The Star, the facts being furnished by what was supposed at the time to be a reliable source It has since been learned that Mr. Nelson never handled any funds belonging to the relatives of those who lost their lives by reason of the explosion of the Maine, and that he resigned his consulate at Bergen of his own volition. Inquiry at the State Department shows Mr. Nelson to have rendered valuable service as a consular officer, and that long prior to his resignation he had informed the department that unless trans ferred to a better post he would leave

#### THE DEMPSEY ABDUCTION CASE. Legality of Warrant Taken Under Advisement Until Monday. Special Dispatch to The Star.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 4.-Counsel for Robert S. Dickson, charged with The bill was referred to a committee.

the abduction of Madeline Dempsey from the home of her sisters in Washington, who appealed from the decision of Mayor Wallace, was granted a hearing in the cor-poration court before Judge Goolrick this morning as to whether the warrant on which Dickson was arrested was legal or not. Judge Goolrick took the case under consideration until Monday morning rot. Judge Goolrick took the case under consideration until Monday morning.

Wm. Dickson, father of Robert S. Dickson. reached this city this morning in response to a telegram from his son's counsel stating that his son had left this city and a warrant had been issued for his arrest, charging him with a serious offense.

Mr. Dempsey and daughter arrived here last night.

#### WILL RELIEVE COGHLAN.

Rear Admiral Goodrich to Command

the New York Navy Yard. Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, who has been on special duty at the Navy De partment since December, 1906, will assume ommand of the navy yard at New York on the 1st proximo as the relief of Rear Admiral J. B. Coghlan, retired, who will be given indefinite leave of absence,

Admiral Goodrich was graduated from the Naval Academy at the head of his class in 1804 and has seen much important service. He was naval attache on the staff of Gen. Wolseley during the Tel-el-Kebir campaign of 1882, was a member of the Endi-cott fortifications board in 1885, was subsequently president of the naval war college at Newport, had command of the cruiser Newark during the Spanish war and more recently commanded the Pacific fleet.

#### UNCLE SAM AND TURKEY.

Former Secures Necessary Leverage for Settling Vexed Questions.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 4.- The power f withhol..ing its consent to the increase of 3 per cent in the Turkish customs dues has given the American government the everage necessary to secure the porte's assent to a settlement of the long-pending questions between the United States and Turkey, in accordance with the wishes of the State Department.

The imperial irade issued, authorizing the ministers to take action in the matter, was quickly followed by a communication was quickly followed by a communication from the ports to Ambassador Leishman, in which the porte declared that the American schools and other institutions for which official recognition was demanded will hereafter be treated on the same footing as those of other nations

All other American demands are conceded and all the obstaces to a complete solution of the difficulties which have existed between the American representatives here and the porte for three years seem to have been removed.

## IN A REIGN OF TERROR

CONDITION OF CHAOS EXISTS IN GUATEMALA.

It appears from the advices the ambassador has received from the City of Mexico that a condition of chaos exists at Guatemala City, following the recent attempt to assassinate President Cabrera. The Mexican account is that indiscriminate arrests are being made of men, women and children, not only native Guatemalans, but persons of other nationalities, and that these prisoners are being harshly treated. It is understood that protests already have been made by the diplomatic representatives of other nations in Guatemala and that an attempt will be made to secure joint action by Mexico and the United States to revent a continuance of this policy of indisculminate arrests.

In the event that the Mexican legation in Guatemala city is closed and a diplomatic rupture between Mexico and Guatemala follows the refusal of the government. ment of the latter country to extradite
Jose Lima, charged with complicity in the
assassination of General Barillas, it is understood that the affairs of the Mexican legation will be placed in charge of the American minister in Guatemala, who also will look out for the interests of Mexican citizens in that country.

#### KUROKI IS HOPEFUL

SAYS PREJUDICE AGAINST JAPS IS SUBSIDING.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.- "Japan sends her children, many of them, to the United States to learn. We hope and believe that the United States in the future will receive them and teach them in the same spirit in which they are sent," said Gen. Baron Kuroki, who arrived here Thursday, in discussing the Japanese school question.

The Japanese general was not inclined to discuss the action of the San Francisco school board directors. He was evidently greatly interested in the Japanese school children in the United States, for he asked many questions about them, how many there are in Seattle and how they stood in their classes, and expressed gratification to find that they are well liked. He was told of the instance of a Japanese boy being arrested for disturbing the peace when he was practicing an oration. 'That when he was practicing an oration. "That boy had the right stuff in him," was his

"We are glad to think that you up here in Seattle think the children we send over are good and hard-working," added Gen. Kuroki. "You are unlike some others. attitude means that many Japanese children in the future will come to the United States by way of Seattle. When you tellus that they stand well in their classes and conduct it makes us proud of them. When you praise them you praise us, for they are our children. "I feel sure that they will be well treated by the United States. I do not believe that the feeling against them is widespread. I think that feeling is dying out."

Count Hatzfeldt Counselor. BERLIN, May 4.- The temporary appoint ment of Count Hermann von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, first secretary of the German embassy at Washington, as counselor of legation there has been made permanent

#### Millions for Kiel Canal.

BERLIN, May 4.-The Reichstag has passed the first reading of the Kiel canal bill, which provides for \$3,750,000 as the first installment of the amount to be expended in widening and deepening the Kiel ship canal. Various speakers agreed that the enlargement was desirable, but blamed the government for failing to foresee originally that larger dimensions would become necessary. Herr Leonhart, radical pointed out that the canal had too many curves in too short a radius.

It was further insisted that the additional expenditure of \$55,750,000, although the canal only cost \$40,000,000 originally, must be regarded as a heavy sacrifice on the part of the country, considering the fact that the present canal had not yet reached the stage of being able to pay the interest on the investment.

Arrived: Steamer Etruria, from New

#### Weather.

Fair; much cooler tonight and tomorrow.

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Question of Labeling Whisky to Be Reopened.

#### PROTEST BY THE DEALERS

Report on the Foundations of the Gatun Dam.

RESULT OF RECENT INQUIRY

Prominent Ohio Men Confer With the President-Gov. Deneen

a Guest.

Such a widespread protest has been made against the recent ruling of the President, based upon a decision of Attorney General Bonaparte, as to labeling whisky, under the pure food act, that President Roosevelt has agreed to reopen the whole matter, and have the Attorney General hear all sides.

The President's decision to grant a rehearing was made today following protests to him by the wholesale liquor dealers of Massachusetts and Baltimore, Md. Senator Lodge presented the delegation from Massachusetts, which was headed by William A. Miller, while Representative Gill of Baitimore presented the men from that city. The President gave an attentive hearing to the statements, and agreed to ask Mr. Bonaparte to reopen the whole matter. Secretary Wilson, under whose department the pure food law is operated, was present at the conferences, but said that he happened to be there on other business.

Both the Massachusetts and Baltimore people submitted written protests against the ruling as to how whiskies should be labeled. The Baltimore delegation, representing fifty-five distilling, restifying and wholesale liquor establishments, declared that millions of dolllars would be lost in that city if the decision should stand. They say: "The effect of such a ruling would be to deprive an article of a name it has always had, a purpose which was not clearly contemplated by the pure-food law. We feel that the facts must have been misrepresented to you and the Attorney ceneral, and we venture to express the hope that you will see your way clear to reconsider the matter in such a way that all arguments, pro and con, shall be given in the open, and not secretly or surreptitiously, thus affording every interest an opportunity to hear and reply to every argument advanced pro and con."

The petition declares that the signers are as anxious as anyboly to give the public eople submitted written protests against

Ambassador Creel had a conference today with State Department officials respecting the disturbed condition of affairs in Guate-

Report on Gatun Dam. Secretary Taft called at the White House today to show the President the report of the engineers whom he sent to examine the foundations of the Gatun dam on the Panama canal site. Mesers, Alfred Noble, Frederick P. Stearns and John R. Freeman, the engineers, report that they personally inspected the five pits dug to determine the character of the rock below the level of the foundations of the lock walls. The deepest pit had a depth of over eighty-seven feet. The engineers individ-ually descended into each of the test pits

and found that they entered and continued in rock from a few feet below the ground's surface to the bottom. With one exception the rock was a fine grained bluish-gray rock, technically designated as argillaceous sandstone. One test was made by leading one square foot of the rock that had been uncovered with 72,000 pounds of steel rails. The engineers say that this weight, although several times as great as that which would rest upon an equal surface under the walls of the pro-posed lock, caused no appreciable indentation upon the surface of the material. Ad-ditional tests of a searching character were

nade by the engineers, with satisfactory Besides the lock site at Gatun the engineers examined the site of the proposed regulating works. There they found the same sort of rock, and when subjected to the pressure test failed only at 1.240 and 1,470 pounds per square inch. The conclusion is that a staple foundation exists at this point. Similar examinations were made at the site of the Pedro Miguel and the Sosa locks, and the conclusion in both cases was that the existing rock has sufficient strength to bear the proposed

weights. Prominent Ohio People Call.

Secretaries Taft and Garfield of the cabinet and Representative Burton of Ohio all happened to get together in the executive offices today. There was a brief interchange of political ideas, in which the President was too busy to join with any degree of attention. Secretary Taft spent just a few minutes with the President and then hurried back to his work, leaving Secretary Garfield and Representative Burton together. These two introduced the president of the Cleveland chamber of commerce, Mr. Treadway, who invited President Roosevelt to make a speech before that body in Sep-tember next. The President said he was compelled to decline. One of his reasons for doing so is that a visit by him into the state might be considered as mixing in the fight now going on. Representative Bur on is understood to have reported to the President that Secretary Taft is growing stronger in all parts of the country, and that as fast as the people realize that the President is not going to be in the race again they are turning to Taft and committing themselves to him.

#### Gov. Deneen a Guest.

Gov. Deneen of Illinois, who is connected with the inland waterways commission, was guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon today. His talk with the President is considered a most important one, touching upon politics in Illinois and the sentiment in that state as to the republican choice next year. Neither the White House nor Gov. Deneen would admit that the visit of

the Illinois executive was of political significance.

James Ciscel, known among his friends in Washington as plain "Jim," who for many years was connected with the police force f Washington, has been placed at the head of the detective force at the Jamestown exposition. Most of those in official life who went to the exposition last week recognized him as one of the former officers on fluty at the main door of the White House, where he spent many yaers of his service, and where he was highly regarded by the Presidents and their families. Several in a scuffle with a crank who had obtained admission to the house he was severely cut

#### and bruised and never entirely recovered from his injuries. OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, May 4.-Arrived: steamer Brasile, from Naples. QUEENSTOWN. May 4.-The steamer Cymric, from Boston or Queenstown and Liverpool, reported by w'reless telegraph

York for Liverpool.